Master Plans for Conservation of water

†4170. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any master plans have been prepared for utilizing the traditional water sources;

(b) if so, the States in which master plans have been prepared so far alongwith the details thereof;

(c) by when the master plans would be prepared for rest of the States; and

(d) by when the implementation on water conservation would be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (d) water being a State subject, water resources schemes, including master plans, are formulated, planned, executed and funded by the respective State Governments. Master Plans are prepared taking into consideration the availability of water resources and needs of the areas for which the Master Plan is prepared.

Conventional methods of rain water harvesting, construction of dams and minor tanks, restoration of old tanks, watershed management etc., are being practised in the country. Central Ground Water Board under Ministry of Water Resources has prepared a 'Master Plan for Artificial Recharge to Ground Water' which envisages recharge of 36453 Million Cubic Metre volume of water through 2.25 lakh artificial recharge structures in rural areas like percolation tanks, check dams, sub-surface dykes, gully plugs, gabion structures, nala bunds, contour bunds, recharge shafts etc. In addition to this roof-top rainwater harvesting structures in urban areas is proposed through 37 lakh structures. The estimated cost of this Master Plan covering all States and Union Territories is around Rs. 24,500 crore.

Water conservation by roof-top rainwater harvesting, selective lining in the conveyance systems, minimising losses, modernisation and rehabilitation of existing systems and sprinkler and drip irrigation techniques are also being adopted.

Completion of Irrigation Projects

†4171. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Governments have utilised the amount allocated for the irrigation projects during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

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